## ORDINANCE NO. G-04- 40

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. G-91-13, REQUIRING THE CONSPICUOUS POSTING OF STREET NUMBER SIGNS AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Town Council is authorized to regulate conduct that might endager the public health, safety and general welfare pursuant to I.C. 36-8-2-4; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Georgetown Town Council that a certain residential and commercial properties, located within the corporate limits of the Town of Georgetown, do not have conspicuous street number signs posted; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Georgetown provides certain emergency services including, but not limited to, police, fire, and emergency medical services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration and discussion, the Georgetown Town Council has determined that it is essential to the provision of police, fire, and other emergency services for all properties located within the corporate limits of the Town of Georgetown to display conspicuous street number signs so that each property may be readily located; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Township Volunteer Fire Department offers standardized, reflective street number signs for \$12.50 each; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Township Volunteer Fire Department will install the standardized, reflective street number signs for purchasers, if possible; and

WHEREAS, if a resident of the Town of Georgetown cannot afford to purchase and/or post the required street number sign on his or her property, the resident may inquire at the Town Hall as to whether any donated street number signs are available. If so, and if the Clerk-Treasurer determines that the purchase and posting of a street number sign would constitute a financial hardship for that resident, the Clerk-Treasurer shall present the resident with a voucher which may be redeemed at the Georgetown Township Volunteer Fire Department for a street number sign at no charge; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Town Council has conducted a public hearing on this Ordinance in accordance with I.C. 36-4-6-14; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that all owners and/or occupants of commercial and/or residential property located within the corporate limits of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana are required to conspicuously post their 911 address so as to be easily visible from the street or road on which the home or other structure faces; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the street number sign shall be in standard Arabic numerals at least four inches (4") in height and shall be posted either on the

structure or improvement itself or on a signpost or mailbox located at the edge of the roadway. Said numerals shall be of a color in contrast to the background so as to be easily read.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if a resident of the Town of Georgetown cannot afford to purchase and/or post the required street number sign on his or her property, the resident may inquire at the Town Hall as to whether any donated street number signs are available. If so, and if the Clerk-Treasurer determines that the purchase and posting of a street number sign would constitute a financial hardship for that resident, the Clerk-Treasurer shall present the resident with a voucher which may be redeemed at the Georgetown Township Volunteer Fire Department for a street number sign at no charge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall receive written notification of said violation(s). Said notice shall be served by the Georgetown Marshal Department or via U.S. certified mail - return receipt requested. Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall have thirty (30) days from the date of written notification to correct any violation(s). Any person who fails to correct the violation(s) within the thirty (30) day period may be subject to a fine of \$25.00 per day for each violation and/or further legal action. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. All fines shall be paid to the Georgetown Clerk-Treasurer at Town Hall.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any term or provision of this Ordinance be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any provision of any Ordinance of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana that is in conflict with any provision this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and any provision of any Ordinance not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown this 16 day of 200 4.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA

Jeff McCaffrey, President

Gary Smith, Vice-President

Joy Dayis, Member

Mean Flammersmith, Member

Chris Carter, Member

ATTEST:

Doug Cook, Clerk-Treasurer